Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical deflection device comprising:

(a) a rotary unit comprising a rotary polygon mirror and a magnet;

(b) a dynamic pressure bearing comprising a rotary bearing member for rotatably supporting the rotary unit and a fixed bearing member for engaging with the rotary bearing member;

(c) a stator unit comprising a base member for supporting the fixed bearing member and a magnet coil for driving the rotary unit in cooperation with the magnet; and

(d) a stabilizing member provided on an upper portion of the base member and in ~~the~~ a vicinity of an outer circumference of the polygon mirror ~~for stabilizing~~ to stabilize air flow generated by ~~a~~ rotation of the polygon mirror,

wherein the stabilizing member has a height greater than ~~that~~ a height of a lower surface of the rotary polygon mirror; and

wherein the stabilizing member is provided in an area on a side of the polygon mirror between the polygon mirror and a side wall of a main body of the optical scanning apparatus.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) An optical scanning apparatus comprising:

(a) a main body;

(b) an optical deflection device provided in the main body, said optical deflection device comprising a rotor unit ~~having~~ including a rotary polygon mirror, a dynamic pressure bearing for rotatably supporting the rotor unit, and a stator unit ~~having~~ including a base member for supporting the dynamic pressure bearing;

(c) an optical member of a scanning optical system provided in the main body; and

(d) a stabilizing member provided in ~~the~~ a vicinity of an outer circumference of the polygon mirror inside the main body ~~for stabilizing~~ to stabilize air flow generated by ~~a~~ rotation of the polygon mirror;

wherein the stabilizing member has a height greater than a height of a lower surface of the rotary polygon mirror; and

wherein the stabilizing member is provided in an area on a side of the polygon mirror between the polygon mirror and a side wall of the main body of the optical scanning apparatus.

Claims 4 and 5 (Canceled).